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## **AB 2599 (Hall) – Martin Luther King Jr. Hospital FACT SHEET**

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### **ISSUE**

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For over 35 years, Martin Luther King, Jr. Hospital provided trauma care, surgery, hospitalization and birthing services to over 1.6 million people that live and work in communities throughout South Los Angeles.

After several high profile and extensively reported incidents regarding patient health and safety issues, Martin Luther King, Jr. Hospital was closed in August 2007. For nearly three years, the communities of Compton, Paramount, South Los Angeles, Watts and Willowbrook have been without access to a Tier 1 trauma center, emergency or other important healthcare services.

### **SOLUTION**

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AB 2599 would codify the agreement between the State of California, the University of California and the County of Los Angeles to reopen Martin Luther King, Jr. Hospital in South Los Angeles.

This measure is the most significant legislative effort to date needed to reopen Martin Luther King Jr. Hospital and restore vital healthcare services to residents throughout Los Angeles County.

Pending approval of AB 2599 and the continued efforts of the University of California and the County of Los Angeles, Martin Luther King, Jr. Hospital is scheduled to reopen in 2013.

### **SUPPORT**

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Los Angeles County (Co-sponsor)  
University of California (Co-Sponsor)  
Service Employees International Union  
Community Clinic Association of LA County  
California Medical Association

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